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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes @ The Levi Stewart Library's Jones Nutter Auditorium Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – 6 P.M.

Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE. Called to order by Chairman Dennis Carr, at 6:00PM, followed by the pledge.

A. Board Members present: Jim Emerson, Dennis Carr, Alden Bolstridge, Ralph McNaughton, Tony Bennett.

B. Employees Present: Lois Jones, Pam Parlee, Brandon Bemis.

C. Residents Present: Jackie Emerson, Galen McKenney, Jim Louder.

Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS. None.

Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.

A. March 13, 2024. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve the minutes, as written. All in favor.

Item 4. WARRANT AND PAYROLL DISCUSSIONS AND SIGNING.

A. Payroll Warrant #14. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve warrants #14. All in favor.

B. A/P Warrant#15. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve warrants #15. All in favor.

Item 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Quitclaim - Magras, Randolph – Moody Mills Road. Manager informed the Board that this was a tax acquired property, and according to the new tax acquired statute and policy, Mr. Magras has fulfilled his responsibilities for payment in full and needs a quitclaim deed returning property to him, as landowner. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve the quitclaim deed. All in favor – document signed.

B. Appointment of Esther Buck to Morse's Corner School Preservation Committee. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve the appointment of Esther Buck to the Morse's Corner School Preservation Committee. All in favor.

C. Water District future trustees. Jim Louder was present to discuss what happens if the Board fails to find a successor to serve as trustee on the Water District Board of Trustees. The current Board will not be seeking re-appointment in the coming years. There is a state statute that allows the state to assign a receivership if there is no one left to run the water district, which could – ultimately – cost the Town. Trustees do not need to be a consumer to serve as a Trustee. Manager will continue to ask for volunteers to serve on the Water District Board on the quarterly newsletters.

D. Fire station flooring. Manager presented Board with information on flooring for the new fire station. There is approximately \$40,000 remaining in the unspent over-excavation fund. Two options were presented for flooring in the Admin wing and the shower room – Option 1 is a mix of polyaspartic flooring and LVT for \$23,873.10

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and Option 2 is all polyaspartic for \$36,426.88. In an effort to save as much as possible for the paving, Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Bennett 2nd to approve Option 1 for \$23,873.10. Four in favor – Selectman McNaughton abstained.

Item 7. OLD BUSINESS.

A. ARPA funds projects.

1. **Electronic Sign.** After discussion of sign qualities, number of lines, and installation, Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve the sign with Frazier Signals, 6mm, 38”x100”, double-sided, fully installed with training, for \$37,000, with ARPA funds. All in favor.
2. **Community Center paving.** Manager has met with one paving contractor and received an estimated price. Manager has also checked with contractor that quoted the price from last year and it appears they will hold the same price, however, Manager will meet with them again to confirm they will be quoting the same specifics as first contractor. A cost does not need to be contracted at this time, just a confirmation of the project to be completed by end of year. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve paving half of the community center parking lot, the circular turn, the sidewalks, and the front walkway, with ARPA funds. All in favor.
3. **CDL training.** Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with a public works employee, for \$6,000, for CDL training. If employee fails, or resigns, some or all of the funds shall be returned, by the employee, to the Town. All in favor.

B. Clean-up of 805 Dexter Road. After discussion, it was decided to let it be for now.

C. CDL training –

1. **ARPA and/or Selectmen’s Contingency.** Discussed and decided above with ARPA funds.
2. **MOU requirements.** Memorandum of Understanding requirements were changed to a longer repayment period, and enhanced drug testing requirements.

Item 8. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.

A. Municipal Partnership Initiative. This is information provided by DOT for sidewalks.

B. Maine DEP – Landfill Inspection Report. Manager stated that, overall, the landfill is in good shape. There are two trees growing on it that will need to be removed and there is grass growing in the rock moat that needs to be cleared.

Item 9. CORRESPONDENCE.

A. MWDA. Town Manager has earned General Assistance certification.

Item 10. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

A. Dennis- None.

B. Jim- Commented that there were concerns about “wasting money” on the Packard Road paving.

C. Tony- None.

D. Alden- Thanked the public works for the long hours on the last storm.

E. Ralph- None.

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Item 11. ADJOURN MEETING. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones
Town Manager